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**U.S. Women's Olympic Team poses with President Clinton and family (from left: Bill, Ann, Chelsea Clinton, Mary McCormack Clinton, Amy Poehler, and Bill Clinton) from row (left: Poehler, Sherry Miller, Bernadette Jensen, Esmara Marcano, Kate Olson, and Jennifer Berlin)**

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The Russian team defeated China and Ukraine for the world title. The U.S. men's team placed fifth, moving up from sixth place at the 1995 World Championships. Two improved teams swayed the heart for the bronze medal throughout the entire competition. Jari Lyytikäinen earned the silver medal on parallel bars in event finals and both John Nordinberger and Brian Wilson broke into the top 10 on the all-around.

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The rhythmic group event competed in its first Olympic Games at the 1996 Games in Atlanta. The U.S. rhythmic program accomplished its goal, which was to expose the sport to the American public.

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## FEATURES

## 1996 U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS-GYMNASTICS

1. *Journal of Management Studies*, 1997, 34, 1, 1-14. doi:10.1080/00220829708839552

Strong women's, men's and rhythmic teams emerge from the 2006 U.S. Olympic Trials-Gymnastics held in Boston, Mass. The artists' women's and men's competitions were held in the FirstCenter; while the rhythmic competition took place at The Wang Center for Performance Arts, the first time to be held on a stage.

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The U.S. women's gymnastics team made history by winning the first team gold medal in the history of the sport. The strong team defeated Romania, Russia and China to win the title. In event finals, Shannon Miller added a second gold medal when she won beam, Amy Chow earned the silver medal on beam and Dominique Dawes won the bronze on floor.

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# High-Powered Milk Drinks CAN PUT MUSCLE INTO YOUR Workouts

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**M**ilk makes an ideal base for a host of blender drinks you can make in less than a minute. Perfect for a quick breakfast or a refreshing thirst quencher after a strong workout, these milkshakes also provide an excellent pump-start to help fuel your active day according to sports nutritionist Nancy Clark, MS, RD, author of the acclaimed *Nancy Clark's Sports Nutrition Guidebook*.

"If you exercise in the morning, these blended liquid breakfasts won't weigh you down before you head out the door," says Clark, who counsels elite athletes as well as casual exercisers at SportsMedicine Brookline in Massachusetts. "And they're an appealing choice if you don't quite feel up to eating a solid meal afterward."

Since your muscles are most receptive to refueling within the first two hours after a workout, high-carbohydrate liquid breakfasts that quench your thirst can set the stage for better recovery, she says.

Simple to fix and easy to drink on the run, blender beverages deliver protein, which also makes them a premium selection for a post-exercise snack. Some studies show that protein facilitates activity in the muscles and can help muscles recover faster after a workout.

Shakes made with skim or 1% milk also offer hefty doses of easy-to-absorb calcium, which is essential for strong, flexible bones. Nine out of 10 adult women fail to meet their needs for this bone-building mineral.

Take your pick from the following power drinks, which were adapted from *Nancy Clark's Sports Nutrition Guidebook*. The suggestions keep a variety of

flavors on hand—either fresh frozen or canned—so you can whip up a shake in a moment's notice. Frozen fruits will create a thick, creamy consistency. Great choices include bananas

chunks, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, cantaloupe cubes and sliced peaches.

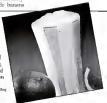
Too in some graham crackers or a slice of bread to add thickness and boost the carbohydrate to help fuel your muscles. A touch of honey, brown sugar and maple syrup can sweeten your treat. But you may find that a few drops of vanilla or almond extract is all you need.

## POWER ORANGE SMOOTHIE

2 cups skim or 1% milk  
1 fruit: cut frozen orange juice concentrate  
1/3 cup whole powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
4 to 6 large ice cubes

In a blender combine combine milk, orange juice concentrate, powdered sugar and vanilla. Cover and blend until smooth. With the blender running, add ice cubes one at a time through opening in lid. Blend until smooth and frothy. Pour into tall glasses; serve immediately. Yields one quart. Makes four servings.

Nutrition per serving: 120 calories. 1g protein, 10g carbohydrates, 1g fat, 2mg cholesterol. 10mg sodium. Daily value: 10% sodium.



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## FITNESS FRUIT FRAPPE

1/2 peeled and sliced medium banana, frozen

1 sliced medium peach, frozen

1/2 cup powdered, fresh or frozen

2 cups skim or 1% milk

Optional: Sweetener, such as honey, brown sugar, or sugar substitute

1/4 teaspoon of vanilla extract

1 dash of creamer

In a blender combine combine all ingredients except creamer. Cover and blend until smooth about 30 seconds. Swirl in to taste and pour into glasses. Garnish with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon, if desired. Makes two servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 120 calories, 1g protein, 20g carbohydrates, 1g fat, 2mg cholesterol, 10mg sodium. Daily value: 10% sodium.

## MAPLE GRAHAM GO GET 'EM SHAKE

1 cup skim or 1% milk

1 to 2 tablespoons maple syrup

8 squares graham crackers, crumbled

4 large ice cubes, optional

In a blender combine combine all ingredients except ice cubes. Cover and blend until smooth about 30 seconds. For a creamier drink, add ice cubes one at a time and blend on high speed until frothy. Makes one serving.

Nutrition facts per serving: 240 calories, 10g protein, 40g carbohydrates, 1g fat, 2mg cholesterol, 10mg sodium. Daily value: 10% sodium.

## STRAWBERRY SPORTS FIZZ

1 cup skim or 1% milk

1/2 cup strawberries, fresh or frozen

1/2 cup seltzer

In a blender combine combine milk and strawberries cover and blend until smooth, about 30 seconds. Add seltzer and blend for a few seconds to mix evenly. Pour into a tall glass. Be prepared for it to foam up. Makes one serving.

Nutrition facts per serving: 100 calories, 10g protein, 20g carbohydrates, 1g fat, 2mg cholesterol, 10mg sodium. Daily value: 10% sodium.

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Milk: 540mL milk was used for the written analysis of all recipes. If you choose 1% milk, add 10 calories and 2.5 grams of fat per quart with 1 cup milk.



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# YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY!

Baby snapshots taken straight from your favorite athletes' personal family albums... **EVEN WHO!** This issue's legendary athletes are top level gymnasts. Using the clues below, can you figure out who they are?

• This gymnast, originally from Houston, cut off a portion of his finger when he was younger and ironically this accident led to his involvement in the sport of gymnastics.

• He trains at UCLA and is coached by Art Sharlock and Jeff Farnham.

• He was a member of the 1994 and 1995 World Championships teams and also helped the team win the gold medal at the 1995 Pan American Games.



**WHO IS HE?**



**WHO IS SHE?**

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• Her family is from Romania and she speaks fluent Romanian. (Her coach is Romanian, too.)

• At age 15 she became the youngest senior national champion in history. She also was the only U.S. gymnast to medal in an individual event at the 1995 World Championships.

• She has to spend a lot of time with her name for everyone because it's very difficult.

## SEPTEMBER

12-15 Region 1 Camp (IL/IN/ND)  
20-22 Region 2 Camp (CA)

San Jose, CA  
Seattle, WA

## OCTOBER

3-4 National T&F Training (NY)  
11-13 Region 1 Camp (IL)  
12-18 Junior Olympic Championships (IL)  
18-19 USA Gymnastics Executive Committee Meeting  
19-20 Region 2 Camp (CA)  
19-20 USA Gymnastics Board of Directors Meeting  
24-27 Region 4 Camp (IL/IN)

Bohemia, NY  
Hillsdale, NJ  
Dayton, OH  
Indianapolis, IN  
Orlando, FL  
Indianapolis, IN  
Fairfax, VA

## NOVEMBER

4-11 FIG Women's International Judges' Course  
12-17 Pacific Alliance Championships (CA/NV)  
22-26 FIG ISG International Judges' Course

Arlene, CA  
Rialto, CA  
Lyon, FR

## DECEMBER

3-4 FIG J. Championships (IL/IN/ND)  
14-17 FIG Congress (IL/IN/ND)  
3-4 National T&F Training Camp  
8-15 FIG International Judges' Course (ND)  
20-21 World Open Gymnastics (Spain) (IL/IN)  
19-21 FIG World (IL/IN)

Greensboro, NC  
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Tokyo, OK  
Seattle, WA  
Tel Aviv, IL  
Stuttgart, GER

## JANUARY 1997

8-13 Women's Continental Judges' Course  
12-19 Women's USA Gymnastics Board Judges' Course  
25-26 Women's International Gymnastics Cup (IL/IN/ND)

Indianapolis, IN  
Indianapolis, IN  
Arad, RO

## FEBRUARY

14-15 USA Gymnastics Winter Cup Challenge (IL)  
15-16 Rhythmic Challenge (IL)  
27 Mar 1 McDonald's Rhythmic Cup (IL/IN)

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Colorado Springs, CO  
St. Louis, MO

## MARCH

1 International Cooperation (IL)  
3-4 2nd World Gymnastics Festival (IL/IN/ND)  
20-22 American Games (IN)  
21-22 International Team Championships (IL/IN)

Houston, TX  
St. Louis, MO  
IND  
Cincinnati, OH

## APRIL

4-5 Rhythmic East/West Championships (IL)  
4-5 American Challenge-Bellini Cup (IN)  
5 NCAA Regionals (IN)  
11-12 Rhythmic East/West Championships (IL)  
12-13 Level 10 Regional Championships (IN)  
17-19 NCAA National Championships (IN)  
(University of Florida)  
24-27 J.O. Championships (IL)  
18-19 USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships (IL/IN)  
18-19 USA Gymnastics National Invitational Tournament (IN)

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Justin, 15, from #10 Gymnastics is coached by Larry Berkman. In a Class 9 he placed first all-around at several of the top meets he competed at this past season. He also placed first in all six events at four of those meets. Justin's favorite event is high bar. Justin is a well-rounded athlete. He also likes to roller skate and swim and travel when he is not at the gym practicing.



### BOWLAND GRAUS KEVIN, VIRGINIA

Involves, 8, of Level 1 Gymnastics locally. Involves is a Class 9 on the gym. Involves is coached by the Virginia State Championships and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships. Involves is the year he recently moved to 8 on his own and he placed first all-around at the Potomac River State. Involves is coached by John Thompson, Steve Johnson and Steve Thompson. Involves likes to swim and roller skate and travel when he is not at the gym.

### RYAN MCKEAN FOLLOWS, CALIFORNIA

Ryan, 15, from California, competed in a Class 10 in the 1995 All-American Finals. Ryan is a Class 10 on the gym. Ryan is coached by Barry Nease. Ryan placed first all-around at several of the top meets he competed at this past season. He placed first in all six events at four of those meets. Ryan's favorite event is high bar. Ryan is a well-rounded athlete. He also likes to roller skate and swim and travel when he is not at the gym practicing.



### AMY KEISTER MARIETTA, MISSISSIPPI

Amy, 15, of Level 1 Gymnastics competed in the 1994 American Regional Finals. Amy is a Class 10 on the gym. Amy is coached by Barry Nease. Amy placed first all-around at several of the top meets he competed at this past season. He placed first in all six events at four of those meets. Amy's favorite event is high bar. Amy is a well-rounded athlete. He also likes to roller skate and swim and travel when he is not at the gym practicing.



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**DANIEL PINCUS**  
TOWNS, CT, USA

Born: 11, son of the two-time Olympian and is trained by Pedro Justino. This year he competed in a 100m at the 10-11 age group. He won the all-around at the USA Gymnastics Region IV Championships with a score of 20.42. David will compete in a 100m at the 10-11 age group beginning in the fall of 1995.

**JESSICA BARRAND**  
DANA, NEBRASKA

Jessica, 14, is a level 8 rhythmic gymnast at Nebraska Gold Gymnastics in Omaha. She started rhythmic gymnastics last year after competing in a level 5 in artistic gymnastics, also at Nebraska Gold. This year she won first place in three level 8 rhythmic and all-around at the 1994 Nebraska State Meet. She is coached by Juliana Prokudin and Nancy Schmitt.



**MORGAN SMITH**  
JACKSON, LOUISIANA

Morgan, 16, trains at Baton Rouge in Missouri, Louisiana. She is coached by Robert Frazz, Bruce and Jay "Mittie" Taylor. She won the Level 5 State Championships. She is a level 8 gymnast. She is the Miss youth at Baton Rouge School.



**VICTOR MARTIN VALENTY**  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

Victor, 6, is a member of the Florida School of Gymnastics from Ft. Lauderdale. He is coached by Tony Bentley and Robert Strasser. This year Victor competed in a 100m (10-11 age group) and finished in the first place. At the Florida State Meet with a score of 4.40. Victor won the gold medal in 1994.



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## 1996 NATIONAL CONGRESS

The 1996 USA Gymnastics Congress was held in conjunction with U.S. Olympic Trials and once again proved to be a memorable event.

There were 146 sessions with topics ranging from downloading safety to teaching multiple twists and volas. Additionally, there were 88 exhibitors who displayed everything from equipment to cheer messages. Two new programs were showcased featuring a session exclusively for parents and the Athlete Wellness Program, both of which were very well received.

Everyone who attended Congress came away with a plethora of new ideas and strategies to take home.

## CEREMONY OF HONORS

The following individuals were honored by USA Gymnastics at the Ceremony of Honors presentation at the National Congress.

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Mike Jacki

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Raei Cutler  
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Rhythmic: Lona Lushoff

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Joyce Phelps  
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National Gymnastics Foundation members (left to right) are shown with Foundation President Mike Beneniet and Foundation Board of Directors members Tipton, MO and Dr. David L. Fisher, MD with his wife, Robin Fisher.



The 1996 USA Olympic Hall of Fame inductees are (left to right) Kimberly Chase May, Rosanne Pierce and Norma Zabala.



Mike Beneniet (left) shown with members of the Athlete Wellness Council (left to right, Tonya Serrano, Wendy Wilson, Kim Zisch, Sarah, Vanessa, Wendy Hays, Brian Kemper, Randall, Carol Woringer and Peter Wilson).



### by Sandy Thiele

The 1996 USA Gymnastics Congress in Boston was both informative and very exciting! The 1996 Olympic Trials provided all the participants with great gymnastics performances and an opportunity to see our men's and women's Olympic team in action. USA Gymnastics and the local organizing committee did a superb job. The arena was sold out for the competition and the crowd was most enthusiastic. The city of Boston embraced all the participants and made everyone feel very welcome.

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# 1996 U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS-GYMNASTICS

## EXPERIENCED U.S. TEAM

HEADED TO ATLANTA

By **Karen Peacock**

The 1996 Olympic Trials Gymnastics was held in Boston, Mass., at the FleetCenter, June 27-30.

The U.S. Men's Olympic Team that was selected as the event is a strong and experienced group of seven gymnasts, ready to make their mark in Atlanta. Members include **Mikol Boglio**, **John Lyndi**, **John Manessy**, **John Roedelberger**, **Rio Simons**, **Orlando Ushakov**, and **Mark Williams**. Lyndi and Roedelberger are two-time Olympians and all seven gymnasts have been members of at least one World Championships team.

Roedelberger won the competition followed by 1996 National Champion Lyndi and Manessy followed in third.

**Roedelberger Scores**

**■ SEE YOU AGAIN?** I will not want to let go of the 1996 U.S. Men's Olympic Trials because I will have seen the same group of gymnasts in the 1996 U.S. Men's Olympic Trials in 1996.

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OLYMPIC TRIALS-GYMNASTICS

On his outlook for the team in Atlanta, Roedelberger said, "We're not going there to trade plus."

Boglio scored the best of the seven Olympic spots, winning the battle over Jack Sten and Jay Thomas with a 9.650 as his final routine, the high bar. "I knew I was right as the bubble," Boglio said. "I tried to stay relaxed and go up and let my routine like I do in a workout. I tried to sit back about half in the bubble and once I got up, I just tried to relax and swing my routine."

The seven highest ranked male gymnasts, based on 40 percent of their National Championships score and 60 percent of their Olympic Trials score, made the U.S. Olympic Team. The men's compulsory and optional each counted 50 percent of the total score from the trials.

1996 Men's Olympic Team Coach Peter Kramarz said, "I think we have the best group of young men from the two sets of trials that were held. Every member of the team has competed in either a World Championships or an Olympic Games and every guy has prior experience. After our two-week training camp we will not be walking out as one American team. There's a lot of strength in that and I know they can lead it."

Mark Williams was named the assistant coach of the 1996 Olympic Team.

The U.S. women will lead one of the most experienced teams ever when they walk into the Georgia Dome for the 1996 Olympic Games.

The U.S. team includes Amanda Border, Amy Chow, Dominique Dawes, Shannon Miller, Dominique Monson, Jaycie Phelps, and Heidi Strug. This group of athletes includes three two-time Olympians and all seven members having represented the U.S. in at least one World Championships competition.

Dawes was the U.S. Olympic Trials-Gymnastics competition with a combined all-around score of 78.157.

"This is a dream come true to make two Olympic Teams. I've been on once for this competition for three to four weeks now. I'm glad to get it all my shoulders. I had goals of coming in the top three in this competition and I did that. I won," said Dawes.

The 19-year-old Dawes was followed by 1992 Olympian Strug and Phelps.

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**Mikol Boglio**



**Jaycie Phelps**

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Oliver's Olympic and London World Championships medals were the 1920 Olympic team and help you determine to see a report on the 1994 Olympic team.

# 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES MAG 7 MAKE HISTORY WIN TEAM GOLD

By Lynn Paszek

From the first moment the women took the podium for judging at the Georgia Dome, it was clear the U.S. team was the one to beat. The near capacity crowds watching podium training got a glimpse of what was to come! The U.S. women's team was nicknamed the MAG 7 (short for magnificent 7) before they even set foot in Atlanta. They certainly lived up to their nickname, proving that they are the best U.S. women's team in history and the best in the world!

During compulsory competition the U.S. women hit 23 out of 24 routines to take the lead over Romania. However, China and Russia competed in the last round and Russia took the lead over the U.S. 193.796 to 193.699.

The U.S. didn't give up and began optional bars with a bang. Joyce Phelps was the lead off person scoring a 9.787 and the rest of the bar scores did not drop below that mark. After the first round of optional competition the U.S. had taken the lead over Russia and all 30,040 fans applauded their effort. Beam and floor continued with the same momentum, each and every U.S. gymnast performed to the best of her ability. The excitement escalated as the U.S. began their last event, vault. Phelps, again, did a great job as the lead performer scoring a 9.642. Amy Chow

added a 9.712, followed by Shannon Miller's 9.700, and Dominique Dawes' 9.762. It was nearly certain that the U.S. women would clinch the gold, but then the drama began. Dominique Moceanu, who was recovering from a stress fracture in her leg, fell on her seat on both Yurchenko layout one-and-a-half twist vaults. Moceanu's score was a 9.200. The U.S. looked to the last vaulter, Kimi Strug, to pull it out. Strug, who also does a Yurchenko layout one-and-a-half twist vault, also had trouble with the landing and fell on her seat. She injured her left ankle in the process, but courageously completed her second vault and scored 9.712 which secured the gold medal for the U.S. team. She was carried onto the podium by her coach, Bela Karolyi, and her teammates helped her up on the award platform to receive a team medal.

The U.S. women's gymnastics team captured its first gold medal in the team competition in Olympic history scoring 389.225 to outdistance silver medalist Russia, at 388.454 and third-place Romania at 388.266.

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Previously, the best U.S. women's team finishes have been a silver medal in 1984 in Los Angeles and bronze medals in 1992 in Barcelona and 1948 in London.



Strug, who was taken to a hospital for x-rays after the competition, suffered a third-degree lateral ankle sprain.





Dawes put the icing on the cake when she tumbled and deiced her way to the bronze medal on floor with a score of 9.837.

**DAWES**

Amy Chow scored a 9.835 to win the silver medal on bars. Coach Mark Young said, "I've always thought she was one of the best bar workers in the world, and now she has proven it."

**CHOW**

Miller regained her confidence on beam and proved that she's the best in the world. She hit a solid routine and won the gold with a score of 9.863.

**MILLER**

A dramatic vault by Kerri Strug helped to secure the gold medal for the U.S. team.

The U.S. team consisted of Amanda Borden, Dominique Dawes, Amy Chow, Jayde Phelps, Dominique Moceanu, Kerri Strug, and Shanon Miller.

## ALL-AROUND FINALS

Miller, Dawes and Strug qualified to the all-around finals, however, Moacanin replaced injured Strug in the lineup. Moacanin dove first up on beam and had an uncharacteristic wobble to score only a 9.60. Miller and Dawes started off strong on bars scoring 9.700 and 9.812.

In round two, Moacanin scored a 9.687 on floor, while Miller and Dawes earned 9.862 and 9.825 on beam. Dawes took the lead and Miller was second after two rounds of competition.

In round three, Moacanin completed the vault that gave her trouble in team competition scoring a 9.704. Miller and Dawes unfortunately had troubles on floor scoring 9.475 and 9.000, respectively. Both had lost their chance at medal in the all-around competition and their faces showed the disappointment.

In the end, Miller finished eighth, Moacanin ninth, and Dawes tied for 17th in the all-around. Certainly not the results that any of the three would have hoped for, but nonetheless they had all won the team gold!

The all-around title went to Ukraine's Lilia Podkopaeva, who became the first woman to follow her world title with an Olympic crown since the Soviet Union's Ludmila Turisheva did so in 1972.

Quiet and reserved, Chow came to life on bars during event finals. She was the seventh of eight gymnasts to compete on bars and scored a 9.825 to win the silver medal. Gaoth Mink Young said, "Wow! That was pretty close to the best routine she's ever done. I've always thought she was a little bit better."

a little better bar workers in the world and now she has proven it."

Miller regained her confidence on beam and proved that she's the best in the world. She hit a solid routine and won the gold with a score of 9.862. "It's a great note to end on," said Miller. "It was my chance to redeem myself from yesterday's vault." She added, "It was one of the best routines I've ever done."

Dawes put the icing on the cake when she tumbled and danced her way to the bronze medal on floor with a score of 9.837. Coincidentally, this is the event that caused her trouble in the all-around finals. In addition, Dawes was the replacement on floor for injured Strug. Dawes said, "I was disappointed I couldn't do it for myself in the all-around finals but I found out at the last minute I was replacing Kimi and I wanted to go out and show the world and myself what I could do."

*And the Best Is Yet to Come!*



# LYNCH

**July Lynch, who was up last in the floor, scored a 9.335 to earn the silver medal—the only medal earned by the U.S. man at the 1996 Games.**



*Isabelle Thomas*



**M**en's and women's gymnastics were the only event to sell tickets to training sessions. This is the first time in Olympic Games history that this was done.

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# 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES U.S. MEN MOVE UP!



The U.S. team consisted of John Roethlisberger, John Roethlisberger, Rip Simon, Mihai Bagea, John Manacorda, Elaine Wilson, and Gregory Douglass (far right).



Mihai Bagea



Rip Simon



John Roethlisberger



Gregory Douglass

**"This is the most improved team in the world," said Coach Peter Kormann. The men were 11th at the 1988 Olympic Games, sixth in 1992, and now fifth in 1996.**

John Roethlisberger finished seventh and was pleased with his finish. "I really broke into the top 10," he said. "I have been trying for eight years."

**ROETHLISBERGER**

## By Lane Peseck

Alexei Nomon led a strong Russian team to a first place finish, more than a point ahead of the Chinese and more than five points ahead of the bronze medalists from Ukraine. Belarus, led by seven-time Olympic Gold Medalist Vitaly Scherbo, finished in fourth, just ahead of the U.S. team.

It was an interesting strategy used by Russian Coach Leonid Arlov to put only two

gymnasts, Nomon and Alexei Voropaev, in the all-around competition. Obviously, his strategy worked.

Looking at the results, three countries from the former Soviet Union placed in the top four including Russia (first), Ukraine (third), and Belarus (fourth). If the Soviet Union was still one country, the U.S. would have been third in the team competition.

As it stood, the U.S. men's team came just 725

short of earning the bronze team medal. The men finished 11th, moving up four positions from the 1994 and 1995 World Championships. "This is the most improved team in the world," said Coach Peter Kormann. The men were 11th at the 1988 Olympic Games, sixth in 1992, and now fifth in 1996. One year ago, many speculated if the U.S. men's team would even qualify in the top 12 at the World Championships and be eligible to field a team at the Olympic Games. The U.S. men's team not only qualified, but finished a respectable fifth, less than a point away from a medal.

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## WILSON

Elaine Wilson also broke into the top group, finishing 10th. "With the

exception of pommel horse, I'm excited about my performance," Wilson said.



# 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES

## U.S. RHYTHMIC GYMNASTS

### GYMNASTS

# GAIN EXPERIENCE

by Jennifer  
Gallagher Lee

#### INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND

Jessica Davis represented the U.S. in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual All-Around Competition at the Olympic Games. The rhythmic competition was held at the University of Georgia Coliseum in Athens, Ga.

The all-around competition was comprised of the top 35 gymnasts from the 1995 World Championships in Vienna, Austria, plus the gymnasts invited by the International Gymnastics Federation.

Despite a small error in her ribbon exercise, Davis

performed four excellent routines. "It was one of the best ribbon routines I've ever done, but there was just that one mistake. I wanted to make top 30. Three out of my four routines were without mistakes, but the last one just happened. I had a problem with a toss."

Davis placed 30th in the qualification round and did not advance to the semifinals, but feels positive about her Olympic experience. "I had a good time and now it's over. It's kind of sad now because I'm retiring and I'll never be out there again. I will always be able to say, 'I'm

an Olympian.' I'm one of the few people that get to experience this. It's going to be weird in five minutes when I walk out of here to think this is it. I've been on this sport for 10 years, it's sad," said Davis.

Davis' last stop after the Olympic Games was a trip to Williamsburg, Va., to meet the President and then on to Busch Gardens. "When I get home, I plan to help teach kids of my gym and promote rhythmic gymnastics in my area. I will also participate in the gymnastics tour to demonstrate the sport of rhythmic gymnastics to thousands of people. I will start college in

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#### GYMNAST QUALIFYING SCORES

1. Spain	38.433
2. Bulgaria	38.366
3. Korea	38.365
4. Greece	38.197
5. China	37.990
6. Belarus	37.892
7. USA	36.627

\*qualifying round

#### GYMNAST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

1. Elisavinda Savorytyndrova	Belarus	39.443
2. Larisa Iatko-Jana	Korea	39.393
3. Elena Vlaschenko	Belarus	39.330
4. Aneta Zargova	Korea	39.264
5. Maria Petreva	Bulgaria	39.149
6. Len Gerasim	Poland	39.016
7. Larisa Lesikimova	Belarus	38.886
8. Tatiana Agayeva	Belarus	38.730
9. Alexandra Gil Isidro	Spain	38.515
10. Stephanie Brocka	Germany	38.315
11. Jessica Davis	USA	36.547

\*qualifying round

**"We went in as the underdogs and we tried our best... Overall, it was a great learning experience; in life and in general," said Brandi Siegel.**



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  - (5) Form a booster club.
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## GYMNASTS CARRY OLYMPIC TORCH

The United States Olympic Committee announced the names of gymnastics Olympians who participated in the Olympic Torch run. They were:

Robert Bakula (36)  
William Banzell (18)  
Wesley Bruns (11)  
John Gentry (12)  
James Johnson (13)  
Vincent Katsaris (16, 17)  
Scott Linn (12)  
Michelle McCann (20) (24)  
Bibi Godes (14)  
Kathleen Goffard (24)  
Debra Lee (22)  
Carolyn Rogerson (20) (26)  
Kathy Smith (36)  
Kathy Johnson-Sink (26, 36)

Justin Lovell (12)  
Scott Maciak (10)  
Thomas Miller (19, 24)  
Phyllis Miller (11)  
Ann Moore (20) (22)  
William Ruckelshaus (16, 17)  
Rita Samari (11)  
Aronson Age (24)  
Peter Atkins (20, 24)  
Gail Blaney (16)  
Carmel Light (20) (26)  
Ken Jansell (12)



## USA HOLDS TOP SPOTS

During the International Gymnastics Federation Congress held in Atlanta, July 13-17, four representatives from the U.S. were elected to official FIG positions. Jackie Fra was re-elected as president of the Women's Technical Committee, Jay Ashman was elected to the FIG Executive Committee, Andrea Schmid was re-elected to the Rhythmic Technical Committee, and George Bechtold was elected to the Men's Technical Committee.

The U.S. holds the most positions (four) of any country on the technical committees of the FIG. The Italian Gymnastics Federation President Bruno Grandi was elected president of the International Gymnastics Federation. Grandi replaced Russell Yun Flier, who held the position for 23 years.

Earning a position on a committee of the FIG is extremely difficult. There are only seven members on each Technical Committee and 10 members on the Executive Committee. The positions were elected by the general assembly, which consisted of 102 nations. The Technical Committees are responsible for gymnasts' rules and their implementation in the world.

## USA WOMEN'S TEAM SELECTED FOR WHEATIES BOX

Wheaties, the breakfast of champions, selected the U.S. women's gymnastics team to appear on the cover of the cereal box. Five different boxes will honor athletes who have inspired America and won gold medals in the 1996 Olympics, marking for the first time in history that more than one Olympic athlete has been chosen to appear on the box.



The other four versions include: Michael Johnson, Tom Dorian, Amy Van Dyken, and Dan O'Brien.

Next time you're grocery shopping, look for the U.S. women's gymnastics team on the cover of the Wheaties box.

## FRANK KUDLAC NAMED NCAA DIVISION II COACH OF THE YEAR

Frank Kudlac, the head coach of Texas Woman's University, was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches for Women at its annual convention in Boston, Mass.

This is the fourth consecutive year Kudlac has received this honor, which is voted on by Division II coaches.



# OLYMPIC QUOTES

## MARY LEE TRACY'S comments after team competitions:

"This is the biggest moment in my life and in all these last days. We made history. We were not a surprise. We had the ability, strength and authority to win the medal."

## MARY LEE TRACY'S comments regarding Joyce Phelps going first in the Group:

"Each girl played a part in the success of this team. It's not always easy going first. Joyce did a great job of starting this team off for the gold medal."

## SHANNON MILLER'S comments regarding the post-event huddle:

"I think a lot of things were said. We could believe we're going to win a team. We wanted to make sure Keri was okay. We were excited to be together and to compete as a team. Was there a long time coming?"

## DOMINIQUE DAWES' comments regarding training:

"Our last four years are definitely worth it. I'm glad I kept trying and just being with Keri. It was a great moment and a topping to my career."



## AMANDA BORDEN'S comments on winning:

"It's incredible. No words can describe it. He did the best we could. Keri made an unbelievable score. She was through when it counted. We didn't want to mess out without Keri. She gave everything she had. My job was we couldn't let her down if without her and how the night we were."



## SHANNON MILLER'S comments on the team gold:

"I never realized I can't believe we have a gold medal and that all of this hard work has paid off. I think it helped that three of us had been on an Olympic team before and all of us have been at the World Cup experiences."

## DOMINIQUE DAWES' comments regarding the team gold:

"It's going to be really hard to take this medal off. I was so observing and sleeping with it tonight."

## DOMINIQUE DAWES' comments regarding her age:

"Being 25 definitely did help. I was able to catch some my nerves, I could pull away experience from four years ago. I was just thinking from first individual medal."

## JAYCIE PHELPS' comments on being the lead person:

"I was really excited to compete. I knew what my job was. I had to have a good routine. I'm excited I did."



## RELA KARDLYT'S comments on Keri:

"Keri showed courage, it shows and toughness. She's not on the background any more."

## RON GALIMORE'S comments after the compulsion:

"One more one to go. We had a great compulsory round in the World Championships in Soler and here we did a lot of mistakes. We pushed ourselves to be competitive. We need to stay focused and still every option set."

## PETER KORMANN'S comments on the team:

"This is the most important time in the world. We weren't absolutely perfect, but we made improvements. We were ninth in 1984 and 1988. We fought hard. We were in the last the whole time. One year ago we were second. There thought we would have been in the last for a medal."

## JOHN ROTHLISBERGER'S comments on the team:

"To be where we are now is awesome."

## BLAINE WILSON'S comments on the team:

"I'm not as disappointed as we look in the other guys. It's better than past performances. We could find. My score's that for it."



## BLAINE WILSON'S comments on coach Korman:

"Peter Korman had a great meeting with us after the event and he was surprised and proud to know each. I only regret that we didn't win a medal. We worked our team to get a medal."

## MINAI RADIN'S comments after compulsion:

"We're excited to be in the compulsion. It's what we've worked all of our lives for. Now it's here, and it's great to have it finally start."

## CHANEY UMPHREY'S comments on the team:

"The USA is back. It's a fantastic world power."

## KIP SIMONS' comments on the team:

"We were champions last time today. We stayed in control. We fought tough for every medal. We had mistakes. It's hard to go through an entire event with no mistakes."

## CHALLIN SEYMERS' comments on competing at the Olympics:

"It was great to be here in the United States to represent our country."

## BRANDI SIEGEL'S comments on the team:

"I only have one brother but now I have five sisters. I'm excited. I really wanted to go to meet with people. I was a lot of the 30 mg a month the girls."



## JESSICA DAVIS' comments on the crowd:

"It was great to hear all the cheering. When I started my last routine, I was afraid I wouldn't be able to hear my name, but they the crowd cheered. I have 25 family members here to cheer me on."

## JESSICA DAVIS' comments on her most memorable moment of the Games:

"Opening Ceremony was the most memorable part of the Olympics. We were in the front row because we did so well. This was a different than any other competitions because you get to meet so many people."





# 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES

WOMEN'S RESULTS ■ ATLANTA, GA. ■ JULY 19-AUGUST 4

## TEAM RESULTS

JULY 23

	VT	HB	BB	FC	TOTAL
1. <b>USA</b>	48.640	48.736	47.971	48.761	193.108
	48.548	49.073	48.189	49.038	195.848
	<b>Total</b>				<b>388.956</b>
2. <b>Russia</b>	48.474	48.734	47.827	48.561	193.596
	48.474	48.674	48.436	48.425	194.009
	<b>Total</b>				<b>387.604</b>
3. <b>Romania</b>	48.719	48.901	47.118	48.217	192.955
	48.686	48.624	48.373	49.072	195.155
	<b>Total</b>				<b>388.110</b>
4. <b>China</b>	48.649	48.174	47.349	48.461	192.633
	48.425	48.611	48.248	48.649	195.933
	<b>Total</b>				<b>388.566</b>
5. <b>Ukraine</b>	48.349	48.311	47.367	48.461	192.488
	47.998	48.662	48.442	48.411	195.513
	<b>Total</b>				<b>388.001</b>
6. <b>Bulgaria</b>	48.248	48.374	48.084	47.961	192.667
	48.081	48.813	47.373	47.999	189.694
	<b>Total</b>				<b>382.361</b>
7. <b>Spain</b>	47.187	48.226	46.111	47.924	189.448
	47.967	47.249	46.423	48.193	188.832
	<b>Total</b>				<b>378.280</b>
8. <b>France</b>	48.761	48.168	44.287	47.886	189.102
	47.299	47.912	47.249	48.161	190.621
	<b>Total</b>				<b>379.723</b>
9. <b>Germany</b>	47.745	47.811	45.461	47.299	188.316
	47.456	47.664	46.223	47.418	188.761
	<b>Total</b>				<b>377.077</b>
10. <b>Australia</b>	46.574	47.099	46.084	47.086	186.843
	47.074	47.386	45.561	47.619	188.570
	<b>Total</b>				<b>375.413</b>
11. <b>Greece</b>	48.088	45.912	45.401	45.311	184.712
	46.999	47.624	45.824	47.812	187.259
	<b>Total</b>				<b>371.971</b>
12. <b>Japan</b>	46.323	45.423	46.941	46.711	185.418
	46.474	45.411	45.081	46.718	183.684
	<b>Total</b>				<b>369.102</b>

## ALL-AROUND

JULY 25

1. <b>Lilia Podkopayeva</b>	Ukraine	38.255
2. <b>Sina Gogonen</b>	Romania	37.957
3. <b>Svetlana Amosova</b>	Romania	37.947
4. <b>Larissa Mikosova</b>	Romania	37.947
5. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	37.941
6. <b>Sara Radulescu</b>	Russia	38.980
7. <b>Svetlana Galyanova</b>	Russia	38.983
8. <b>Svetlana Pilius</b>	USA	38.881
9. <b>Dimitriana Maccioni</b>	USA	38.753
10. <b>Olivia Onuifemi</b>	Libyanian	38.742
11. <b>Olga Yu</b>	China	38.718
12. <b>Tatiana Pidan</b>	Russia	38.649
13. <b>Isabelle Severino</b>	France	38.524
14. <b>Svetlana Bogdanova</b>	Bulgaria	38.489
15. <b>Svetlana Charkina</b>	Russia	38.455
16. <b>Olga Kuz</b>	France	38.454
17. <b>Alina Maria</b>	Spain	38.318
18. <b>Dimitriana Chiriac</b>	USA	38.318
19. <b>Ludmila Puzos</b>	France	38.240
20. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	38.243
21. <b>Yelena Sankharova</b>	Greece	38.217
22. <b>Svetlana Shumakova</b>	Ukraine	38.204
23. <b>Svetlana Filipova</b>	Bulgaria	38.024
24. <b>Anna Jovan</b>	Spain	38.024
25. <b>Alina Polakova</b>	Russia	37.799
26. <b>Yvonne Tsouk</b>	Canada	37.743
27. <b>Marcelina Puleva</b>	Spain	37.706
28. <b>Adriana Nagy</b>	Hungary	37.593
29. <b>Rita Sugawara</b>	Japan	37.399
30. <b>Adriana Ryba</b>	Hungary	37.257
31. <b>Anastasia Bryukhovich</b>	Uzbekistan	37.254
32. <b>Michaela Brant</b>	Hungary	36.926
33. <b>Svetlana Bozic</b>	Italy	36.817
34. <b>Jasmina Begovic</b>	Australia	36.568
35. <b>Barb Bantz</b>	Australia	36.418
36. <b>Lara Stamen</b>	Australia	36.199

## EVENT FINALS

MAULT ■ JULY 28

1. <b>Svetlana Amosova</b>	Romania	9.825
2. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	9.768
3. <b>Sina Gogonen</b>	Romania	9.758
4. <b>Svetlana Galyanova</b>	Russia	9.743
5. <b>Svetlana Bogdanova</b>	Bulgaria	9.713
6. <b>Dimitriana Maccioni</b>	USA	9.649
7. <b>Svetlana Charkina</b>	Russia	9.637
8. <b>Svetlana Miller</b>	USA	9.558

## UNEVEN BARS ■ JULY 28

1. <b>Svetlana Charkina</b>	Russia	9.850
2. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	9.837
3. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	9.837
4. <b>Dimitriana Maccioni</b>	USA	9.808
5. <b>Svetlana Amosova</b>	Romania	9.787
6. <b>Sina Gogonen</b>	Romania	9.787
7. <b>Lilia Podkopayeva</b>	Ukraine	9.787
8. <b>Larissa Mikosova</b>	Romania	9.758

## BALANCE BEAM ■ JULY 29

1. <b>Svetlana Miller</b>	USA	9.842
2. <b>Lilia Podkopayeva</b>	Ukraine	9.825
3. <b>Sina Gogonen</b>	Romania	9.787
4. <b>Sara Radulescu</b>	Russia	9.757
5. <b>Olga Tsouk</b>	Canada	9.675
6. <b>Dimitriana Maccioni</b>	USA	9.635
7. <b>Svetlana Galyanova</b>	Russia	9.612
8. <b>Marcelina Puleva</b>	Spain	9.462

## FLOOR EXERCISE ■ JULY 29

1. <b>Lilia Podkopayeva</b>	Ukraine	9.887
2. <b>Svetlana Amosova</b>	Romania	9.830
3. <b>Dimitriana Maccioni</b>	USA	9.837
4. <b>Dimitriana Maccioni</b>	USA	9.815
5. <b>Sara Radulescu</b>	Russia	9.800
6. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	9.780
7. <b>Sina Gogonen</b>	Romania	9.662
8. <b>Alia Haidar</b>	China	9.637



Right: Lilia Podkopayeva (Ukraine)

Left: Svetlana Charkina





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# 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES

MEN'S RESULTS ■ ATLANTA, GA. ■ JULY 19-AUGUST 4

## TEAM RESULTS

JULY 22

	PK	PH	SE	VT	FB	HB	TOTAL
1 Russia	48.201	47.432	47.225	48.137	47.961	48.812	281.758
	48.523	47.474	48.263	48.342	48.203	48.337	281.538
	Total						576.276
2 China	47.589	48.261	47.837	48.942	47.249	47.575	284.253
	47.942	47.324	48.289	48.311	48.481	47.899	281.254
	Total						575.507
3 Ukraine	47.458	47.912	47.134	48.006	47.525	47.362	281.393
	47.449	47.862	48.089	48.037	47.774	47.467	281.152
	Total						571.541
4 Belarus	47.649	47.562	46.475	48.337	47.643	47.337	281.222
	48.162	47.199	47.995	48.274	47.304	47.625	281.159
	Total						571.381
5 USA	47.962	47.512	47.234	48.036	47.475	47.625	281.824
	47.425	46.137	48.087	48.300	47.562	48.425	281.114
	Total						576.418
6 Bulgaria	47.112	47.135	47.071	48.042	47.129	47.889	281.534
	47.249	47.224	47.249	48.437	46.500	47.204	281.622
	Total						567.567
7 Germany	47.312	46.950	47.280	48.236	47.112	47.337	282.147
	47.323	47.481	48.412	48.119	46.250	48.075	285.258
	Total						567.405
8 Korea	47.524	47.499	46.280	48.437	47.293	47.445	281.384
	47.982	45.241	47.141	48.642	47.299	47.204	285.670
	Total						567.054
9 Romania	47.082	47.282	46.288	48.348	46.250	47.125	281.173
	47.182	47.172	47.625	48.114	46.522	47.265	281.284
	Total						566.227
10 Japan	47.542	47.580	46.080	48.499	46.080	47.242	281.023
	47.125	46.771	47.474	48.137	47.162	46.242	281.196
	Total						566.619
11 Greece	47.132	47.030	46.480	47.424	46.025	47.361	281.157
	47.299	47.549	47.112	46.215	47.232	47.612	285.514
	Total						568.701
12 Italy	46.642	46.175	46.162	47.237	45.930	47.024	280.548
	46.721	47.024	48.073	48.037	47.145	47.562	285.512
	Total						566.142

## ALL-AROUND

JULY 24

1. Lu Binghong	China	58.423
2. Alexei Nemov	Russia	58.234
3. Vitaly Scherbo	Belarus	58.153
4. Zhang Jingxi	China	58.148
5. Shen Jie	China	57.961
6. Felix Imboden	Switzerland	57.848
7. Jatin Bhattacharya	India	57.762
8. Rostom Shengulov	Bulgaria	57.712
9. Alessandro Jodanis	Yugoslavia	57.698
10. Haimo Wilson	USA	57.684
11. Graham Lock	Switzerland	57.524
12. Naoya Tsukahara	Japan	57.501
13. Andrius Butkus	Switzerland	57.412
14. Jesus Guadalupe	Spain	57.412
15. Takanori Nishikubo	Japan	57.311
16. Igor Radchikov	Ukraine	57.271
17. Jordan Jovchev	Bulgaria	57.124
18. Yun Chulgi	Italy	57.134
19. Mikasa Tanaka	Japan	56.999
20. Lee Joo-Pyeong	Korea	56.984
21. Benjamin Brumby	Poland	56.924
22. Zoltan Supka	Hungary	56.762
23. Jon Price Williams	Switzerland	56.824
24. Alexei Pospelov	Russia	56.622
25. Rio Haryanto	Indonesia	56.799
26. Sebastian Teyssie	France	56.699
27. Boris Pust	Italy	56.641
28. Roberto Galla	Italy	56.499
29. Arjan Wouda	Netherlands	56.210
30. Andrian Pan	Poland	55.912
31. Vitaly Scherbo	Belarus	55.762
32. Oksana Lushchik	Belarus	55.099
33. Frederik Boelens	France	55.042
34. Hui Yuen-Sun	Korea	55.034
35. Benjamin Goussard	Australia	44.000

## EVENT FINALS

FLOOR EXERCISE ■ JULY 28

1. Iacopo Mantovani	Italy	9.950
2. Lu Binghong	China	9.937
3. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.900
4. Jun Inoue	Japan	9.750
5. Zhang Jingxi	China	9.750
6. Eugene Izopet	France	9.650
7. Vitaly Scherbo	Belarus	9.575
8. Gregory Motin	Ukraine	9.100

## PONNEL HORSE ■ JULY 28

1. Li Bingchen	China	9.975
2. Rostom Shengulov	Bulgaria	9.925
3. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.910
4. Patrick Guzman	USA	9.765
5. Takanori Nishikubo	Japan	9.710
6. Houdong Huang	China	9.710
7. Alex Pospelov	Russia	9.550
8. Yun Chulgi	Italy	9.500

## STILL RINGS ■ JULY 28

1. Yun Chulgi	Italy	9.980
2. Sebastian Collery	USA	9.910
3. Ben Bouaziz	France	9.810
4. Jordan Jovchev	Bulgaria	9.800
5. Andrius Butkus	Switzerland	9.760
6. Yun Chulgi	Italy	9.760
7. Haimo Wilson	USA	9.750
8. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.710

## BAUL ■ JULY 29

1. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.750
2. Yun Chulgi	Italy	9.750
3. Vitaly Scherbo	Belarus	9.734
4. Yun Chulgi	Italy	9.640
5. Lu Binghong	China	9.640
6. Rostom Shengulov	Bulgaria	9.618
7. Igor Radchikov	Ukraine	9.580
8. Jun Inoue	Japan	9.490

## PARALLEL BARS ■ JULY 29

1. Rostom Shengulov	Bulgaria	9.837
2. Jun Inoue	Japan	9.825
3. Vitaly Scherbo	Belarus	9.800
4. Zhang Jingxi	China	9.750
5. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.750
6. Houdong Huang	China	9.720
7. Lee Joo-Pyeong	Korea	9.680
8. Jesus Guadalupe	Spain	9.650

## HORIZONTAL BAR ■ JULY 29

1. Andrius Butkus	Switzerland	9.950
2. Rostom Shengulov	Bulgaria	9.937
3. Vitaly Scherbo	Belarus	9.920
4. Yun Chulgi	Italy	9.800
5. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.810
6. Alexei Nemov	Russia	9.710
7. Jesus Guadalupe	Spain	9.654
8. Lee Joo-Pyeong	Korea	9.125

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### RYTHMIC RESULTS

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Not competing either year or both years indicated as follows:



Shawn Miller

(Olympic Trials  
continued from page 32)

1994 National Champion Shawn Miller, and 1993 National Champion Bernadette Rioscano, performed into the U.S. Olympic Trials-Gymnastics due to injuries. Miller had a nagging wrist injury and Rioscano had a stress fracture in her right tibia. According to the Olympic selection procedures, the scores they each received from National Championships stood as their scores for the Olympic Trials. Their scores stayed within the top seven at the conclusion of the Olympic Trials and, therefore, they earned one of the seven spots on the U.S. Olympic Team.

Miller, one of the three 1992 Olympic veterans on the team, said, "I think we'll be able to go out and do well in Atlanta." We have three Olympians and everyone has been to a World Championships. We know what to expect."

Martha Karolyi and Mary Lee Tracy were selected as the head coach and assistant coach to the 1996 Women's Olympic Gymnastics Team.

## JESSICA DAVIS WINS U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS- RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Two-time U.S. National Champion Jessica Davis won the 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials held at The Wang Center in Tacoma, Wash., from June 22-26, and earned the only spot on the U.S. Olympic Team for an individual rhythmic gymnast.

Davis is coached by Jon Exner who will serve as a member of the Olympic coaching staff for rhythmic gymnastics.

"I've watched the Olympic Games since probably 1968 or '69 and I've always wanted to go to the opening ceremonies," the 16-year-old Davis said. "I went into it tonight thinking, 'I can't relax.' I know [going into her final routine, the ribbon] that I was ahead, but I

decided what happened last night [the 4.55 ribbon score] is not going to happen again. I knew I broke the rules. I decided I would aim for everything. I tried to stay confident and just hit all my routines."

Natella Lorenzetti, who finished second all-around at the 1996 Rhythmic World Championships, watched from the Olympic Trials competition due to a stress fracture in her left tibia. According to the selection procedures, her second day score from National Championships was doubled and used as her final score for the Olympic Trials (71.842). Tina Thayer finished third in the all-around competition (71.875).

The Rhythmic Olympic Group Team was also selected at the 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials Rhythmic Gymnastics. In accordance with the selection procedures, the head coach, Sonnetta Anderson, in consultation with the assistant coach, and one non-participating athlete representative, named the Olympic Team for Group Competition. It consisted of the non-competing USA Gymnastics Group athletes (2 athletes) at the U.S. Olympic Trials-Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Members of the team include Allison Beggs and Mary Jones. Kate Nelson, Brenda Sayegh, Chelsea Stearns and Emily Turner. Non-competing members include Lori Frickhouse and Virginia Indeground.

Anderson will also serve as a member of the Olympic coaching staff for rhythmic gymnastics.



Kip Moore



Chelsey Houghway



Bernadette Rioscano

■ **ONE FOOT HIGHER**  
The Rhythmic Olympic Trials competition was held in the Wang Center in Tacoma, Wash. The first time in the field was a jump. It was a great way to see a great way to see a beautiful jump.

■ **DID YOU KNOW?** The average age of the 1996 U.S. Women's Olympic Gymnastics team is 17.32 years. The average age in 1992 was 16.60.



Shawn Miller



Left to right: David E. Bays (team won first place at the 1985 Junior State Championships). Team members from left to right: John Galante, Steve Hilsenrath, Brad Smith, Chris Neil and David Goffman.

#### CLASS 4 (AGE 12-13) BOYS' TEAM

1	St. Louis	10.0
2	St. Louis	9.5
3	St. Louis	9.0
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6	St. Louis	7.5
7	St. Louis	7.0
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### WASHINGTON LEVEL 9 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS POMPAH CHAMPIONSHIP MARCH 30, 1986

#### CLASS 4 (AGE 12-13) BOYS' TEAM

1	St. Louis	10.0
2	St. Louis	9.5
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11	St. Louis	5.0
12	St. Louis	4.5
13	St. Louis	4.0
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16	St. Louis	2.5
17	St. Louis	2.0
18	St. Louis	1.5
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Spokane this Olympic team from Spokane, Wash., were the Level 9 boys' team champions. Team members and (back row) Washington champions and (front row) left to right: Jeff Smith, Coach Bob Lee, David Pollock, Lindsay Smith, Gary Hunsaker, Brooke Pollock, Coach Nancy Lee and Jason Hunsaker.

## 1986 JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN TULSA, OKLAHOMA • MAY 10-12

The 1986 Junior Olympic National Championships for men was held at the Tulsa Convention Center and hosted by Tulsa Olympic for Tulsa. This year's J.O. Nationals was the biggest ever with over 400 young men competing in three age groups: 12-13, 14-15 and 16-18. The level of difficulty and proficiency of the competitors was outstanding with scores as high as 9.9 being achieved.

The top 14 in Class B 12-13 year olds became USA Olympians. All American boys and earned a spot on the Junior National team. The top 12 Junior Elite Class B 14-15 year olds and the top 12 Junior Elite Class C 16-18 year olds became USA Olympians. All Americans and earned the right to go to the 1986 Junior Olympic National Championships and compete for a spot on the Junior Elite National team. In addition, the top six male and female event finalists from each age group also became USA Olympians. All Olympians. Also, the men's regional coaches for top honors in the Ring and Floor competition held for each age group.

Congratulations to all of this year's J.O. Nationals participants and a special congrats to West 2 member Mike Thomas and all of the staff and volunteers from Tulsa Olympians for having an exceptional event.

### JUNIOR ELITE CLASS I (AGE 14-15)

1	St. Louis	9.9
2	St. Louis	9.8
3	St. Louis	9.7
4	St. Louis	9.6
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The U.S. team's problem event was optional pommel horse. The team had to count a 9.10 on pommel horse after Mihai Bageu and John Roethlisberger both took uncharacteristic falls on that event. "I take responsibility for John [Roethlisberger] and Mihai's [Bageu] mistakes [on pommel horse]," said Korneien. "I encouraged them to do a more difficult routine. It just caught up with us. We needed a little bit more time." However, adding the half point from the fall to the team score, the U.S. still would have been just shy of the bronze medal.

"Our team has come together," said Joe Lynch. "We worked hard to hit routines, and that's what a team is all about."

High bar was the U.S. team's highest scoring event in compulsory and optional combined scores.

The main event included Mihai Bageu, Joe Lynch, John Macready, John Roethlisberger, Kip Simons, Chaney Umphrey and Brian Wilson.

#### ALL-AROUND FINALS

1995 World Champion Li Xiaohuang from China defended his all-around title, scoring a 58.425 and narrowly defeating Russia's Alexei Nemov for the gold. The bronze medal went to Belarus' Vitaly Scherbo, who was upset with his third-place standing.

Roethlisberger finished seventh and was pleased with his finish. "I finally broke into the top 10," he said. "I have been trying for eight years. My performance was as close to good as I could have done. I'm psyched and I'll compete for another year at least."

Wilson also broke into the top group, finishing 10th. "With the exception of pommel horse, I'm excited about my performance," Wilson said. "I hit six routines, and I can't ask more than that. I just went out and did the best I could."

Roethlisberger and Wilson's all-around finishes are near the top of the list for the U.S. only

barred in 1984 when Peter Vidmar took second. Mitch Gaylord fifth and Scott Conner sixth. Also, Frank Heubold finished sixth in 1932.

John Macready finished 29th, after an uncharacteristic fall on bar. "It was the most amazing meet of my life," said Macready. "I made one mistake on bar but I'm young and it was a good experience for me. In four years, I'm still going to be competing."

#### EVENT FINALS

Wilson qualified on rings and Lynch qualified on parallel bars for the U.S. Thanks to the lack of the above, Wilson was up first on rings and, although he hit a clean routine and scored a 9.750, he finished in a tie for seventh place. Lynch, who was up last in the lineup, scored a 9.825 to earn the silver medal—the only medal earned by the U.S. men at the 1996 Games. "I was very surprised because I thought I'd won," said Lynch. "I thought the set would go 9.85. I'm very satisfied though. I did everything I was supposed to do. I didn't see Ruston Sharpe's routine so I don't know if he did better."

Lynch's medal is the first earned by a male African American gymnast at an Olympic Games. It's also a sweet reward for staying in the sport since he just missed a medal on parallel bars at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.



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The all-around medals went as follows: Gold-Daria Serdyukova (Ukraine), Silver-Kristina Bozhikova (Russia), and Bronze Elena Vecherko (Ukraine).

#### GROUP COMPETITION

The Rhythmic Group competition made its debut at the 1996 Olympic Games. The U.S. group came away with a positive outlook and a good experience despite not making the finals.

"This is the last thing over for the United States. I'm very proud of these girls. We showed every one a new and great event of rhythmic gymnastics," said Ruston Sharpe, the Rhythmic Group coach.

"I think this will help rhythmic gymnastics grow. My son

expected us to do as well as we did. We really started something for rhythmic gymnastics," added group member Chelsea Simons.

The U.S. was among the nine groups that showcased the new Olympic sport. They performed two routines: one consisted of five hoops and the other was a combination of three balls and two ribbons.

Although the U.S. group placed ninth in the qualification round, they were happy to have the experience of participating at the Olympic Games. "We went in as the underdogs and we tried our best. We had hopes we would make it to the finals. Overall, it was a great learning experience, in life and in general," said Brenda Siegel.

Spain took first place followed by Bulgaria and Russia.



#### WHAT'S NEXT...

From Marc Campbell, Rhythmic Program Director

For three years USA Gymnastics has led the development of the Rhythmic Group Olympic Team. The goal was to demonstrate the power and excitement of the Rhythmic Group event to the American public. The goal was accomplished. Our USA Rhythmic Group performed before thousands of people throughout the past year and a half. They were featured at USA International games, gymnastics exhibitions, corporate events, and television shows.

Now the development of future all-around Olympic Rhythmic Groups is given over to private gymnastics clubs and programs. USA Gymnastics will continue to

provide resources toward the development of a USA Group program at the grassroots level. A beginning and intermediate level Group Compulsory program was introduced in June, 1996. The third USA Junior Olympic Group Championships will be held in October, 1996.

The outlook is quite open. The challenge is to all rhythmic programs in the U.S. is to develop a group program. Junior Olympic level programs can provide great rhythmic training for the gymnasts that are fun and challenging. This program can work toward inclusion to other groups from which are potential Olympians for the 2000 and/or 2004 Olympic Games. It might come, in addition to the one or two potential individual Olympic athletes. It's a tough challenge, but I believe we have the talent, energy and enthusiasm in the U.S. to meet that goal.

# CHALK TALK

Dear Karyn:

You and my dad in gymnastics! You are my favorite. Dad, I wanted to tell you you were very brave and showed a lot of acts when you did the inverted walk. Also I would like to congratulate you and the U.S. gymnastics team (both for the gold medals) on the effort you put for the gold medals.

Christine Remy  
Fayetteville, Ark.



Dear Demetrius:  
I'm writing to congratulate you on your effort to get the gold medal. I really liked your floor routine because of when you started at one end and shook your shoulders at the crowd and put your hands above your head and clap. I think you have the best floor routine out of all.

of the competitors. You really got the crowd into it too. I thought your floor routine was just as good as anyone else's in the all-around. I love it. I hope you and I always are really happy and I always win every mistakes. I like that music "Devil Went Down to Georgia". Thanks for sending my letter.

Chloe Poyner  
Harrisville, North Carolina



By Tami Rauli Rauli (Fayetteville, N.C.)

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